

AMENDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CENTER ACT
IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIME DURING WHICH APPROPRIA-
TIONS MAY BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH ACT

JUNE 30, 1959.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MORSE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6662]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6662) to amend the District of Columbia Hospital Center Act in order to extend the time during which appropriations may be made for the purposes of such act, after full consideration, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to extend the time for allowing private sponsors of the proposed new hospital in Southeast Washington to raise funds with which to match those given in grant by the Federal Government under the terms of Hill-Burton legislation.

During the 85th Congress legislation was enacted amending the District of Columbia Hospital Center Act to provide a grant of \$3 million for the purpose of constructing the Southeast Hospital. The present bill would merely extend the time during which appropriations may be made for that purpose from the present closing date of June 30, 1959, to June 30, 1961.

The committee was advised during the course of hearings upon S. 1639, a companion measure, that the District Commissioners do not object to enactment; that General Services Administration, the agency administering the Hill-Burton program, favors enactment; and that the Bureau of the Budget interposed no objection to the rendition of a favorable report by General Services Administration.

The Washington Board of Trade and the Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia both endorse the bill and recommend enactment.

A letter, dated May 28, 1959, received by the committee from Mr. Raymond J. McDonough, president of the Greater Southeast Community Hospital Building Fund, detailing the need for this legislation, is made herewith a part of this report:

JUNE 4, 1959.

Senator WAYNE MORSE,

Chairman, Senate Committee on District of Columbia, Subcommittee on Public Health, Education, Welfare, and Safety, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR MORSE: I should like to take this means to submit the following information in support of S. 1639 providing for an extension of Public Law 85-328 to July 1, 1961.

The need for a hospital to serve the 300,000 residents of Southeast Washington and southern Prince Georges County becomes increasingly critical. Just a month ago Sibley Hospital broke ground for its new plant to be built in farthest Northwest Washington, with the result that within 2 years' time still another hospital facility will have been taken away from the people of the southeast area.

Impressive progress has been recorded in the campaign for public subscriptions to build the Greater Southeast Community Hospital, a nonsectarian, nonprofit community institution founded on principals of complete religious and racial tolerance. Since January 1, 1959, the total of public subscriptions has risen from \$229,023 to \$445,549, an increase of more than 90 percent. The most interesting aspect of our fundraising is in the residential campaign in which we have raised over \$175,000 as a result of some 12,000 calls. We now have the organization and are in the process of calling on each and every home in Southeast Washington and southern Prince Georges County. When the entire residential campaign is completed close to 50,000 calls will have been made. If the rate of giving continues as it has so far, the residential campaign should bring in at least \$1 million.

The support of District of Columbia residents, businessmen, clubs and organizations grows stronger every day. The Superintendent of Schools of the District of Columbia has authorized the schools of Southeast Washington to send home literature on the fund drive via schoolchildren. This is the first time that such a procedure has been approved, and is indicative of the wide recognition of the urgent need for this hospital.

The Southeast Businessmen's Association in May pledged the cooperation of its entire membership in making calls on nearly 1,000 small business prospects in the District.

Mr. J. C. Turner, president of the Central Labor Council, has promised the full cooperation of organized labor in obtaining contributions from the numerous locals in the District of Columbia.

Our potential for the first leg of the fund-raising effort in the immediate future shapes up like this:

Committee	Completed to date	Total potential
	<i>Percent</i>	
Special gifts.....	50	\$500,000
Residential.....	20	1,000,000
Organized labor.....	0	50,000
Total.....		1,550,000

With the special gifts committee we have the workers in the field, and is simply a matter of urging them on persistently until the goal is accomplished. With the residential committee we have more than 1,500 workers in action and more are being recruited daily.

The people of Southeast Washington and southern Prince Georges County, where 40 percent of the working population, incidentally, are employees of the Federal Government, have set an impressive record of working and giving thus far in the campaign. These people are demonstrating that they want a hospital and that they are willing to support it. With the spirit and energy shown by all concerned, I believe that our success is assured and that we shall begin construction in 1960. This is not an overoptimistic or unrealistic statement in view of the fact, as the chairman well knows, that borrowed funds may be matched by authority of the recent amendments to the District of Columbia Hospital Center Act and when the fund reaches a figure over \$1 million we will be in a position to borrow sufficient funds to start construction, though we would continue to raise money during the construction of the facility.

We do need additional time in order to realize the full potential of public donations from this area. Therefore, I earnestly urge the passage of S. 1639.

Respectfully,

RAYMOND J. McDONOUGH, *President.*

H.R. 6662 passed the House of Representatives on June 8, 1959.

The committee was advised that enactment of the proposed legislation has no determinable cost considerations affecting General Services Administration.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law in the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

(60 STAT. 896, SEC. 6)

SEC. 6. For carrying out the purposes of this Act, including administrative expenses, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated during the period ending June 30, [1959] 1961, the sum of \$40,730,000 to be appropriated at such times and in such amounts as the Congress shall determine.



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